

1007 E STREET, NW (COMMERCIAL)
(1007 E Street, NW (Apartment))
Square 347
Washington
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LOCATION: Square 347, Lot 803
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SIGNIFICANCE: Constructed in 1895 by builder H. Mueller at a cost of \$5500 (D.C. Building Permit No. 8, July 2, 1895), 1007 E Street is an excellent example of builder-designed architecture in Washington in the late 19th century. Although the building does not represent a particular style, the quality of its craftsmanship and materials distinguishes its front facade. The rich texture created by the contrast of stone and brick as well as the brick corbelled cornice are typical of German-designed architecture in Washington in the late 19th century. Constructed as a store and apartments for H.A. Streitberger, the building was occupied by members of the Streitberger family through 1919. 1007 E Street contributes to the Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site.

DESCRIPTION: The four-bay, four-story rectangular brick apartment building faces south onto E Street. The building is part of a continuous row of small, late 19th century and early 20th century commercial and residential structures. Only the front (south) facade is detailed. Rusticated stone lintels, springcourses, and brick sill courses extend across the facade to frame the one-over-one sash windows. The building displays a corbelled brick cornice capped by a central triangular pediment bearing the date "1895." The entrance to the 1st floor commercial space is located at the center of the projecting storefront, which occupies the western three bays. A door at the east end of the front facade provides access to the dog-leg stair to the upper floors. The residential floors exhibit a side hall plan. 1007 E Street was constructed with a two-story brick stable at the rear of the lot with access to the alley bisecting the square (D.C. Building Permit No. 8, July 2, 1895). This stable abutted a two-story brick dwelling (now demolished) at the rear of 1009 E Street (1903 Sanborn Map). (Please see HABS No. DC-791 for further information about 1009 E Street.)

D.C. Building Permits and Sanborn Maps indicate that 1007 E Street has been little altered. While the base, glass, and door of the present storefront appear to date to the 20th century, a plan filed with the building permit shows that the configuration dates to 1895. The cornice and metal rail above the storefront appear to be original to the building. Decorative features on the interior of the building include wood mantels with tile firebacks.

HISTORY: City directories indicate that the building had few tenants in the years between 1914 and 1939. In 1914, four tenants are listed; two of the tenants were members of the Streitberger family. From 1914 to 1922 the building housed Sergeant's Antiques, a concern dealing in "antiques, old furniture, rare books and prints, oil paintings, jewelry, shawls, and laces" (1919 City Directory). John and Jennie Sergeant occupied an apartment above the store. Tenants

during this period included a dressmaker, a secretary, and a pressman at the Government Printing Office. In 1934 Michael Kalsouros began operating a restaurant at this location. The restaurant remained in the family through the 1960s. By 1939 the upper floors had become the "Alton Hotel," a use that also persisted through the 1960s.

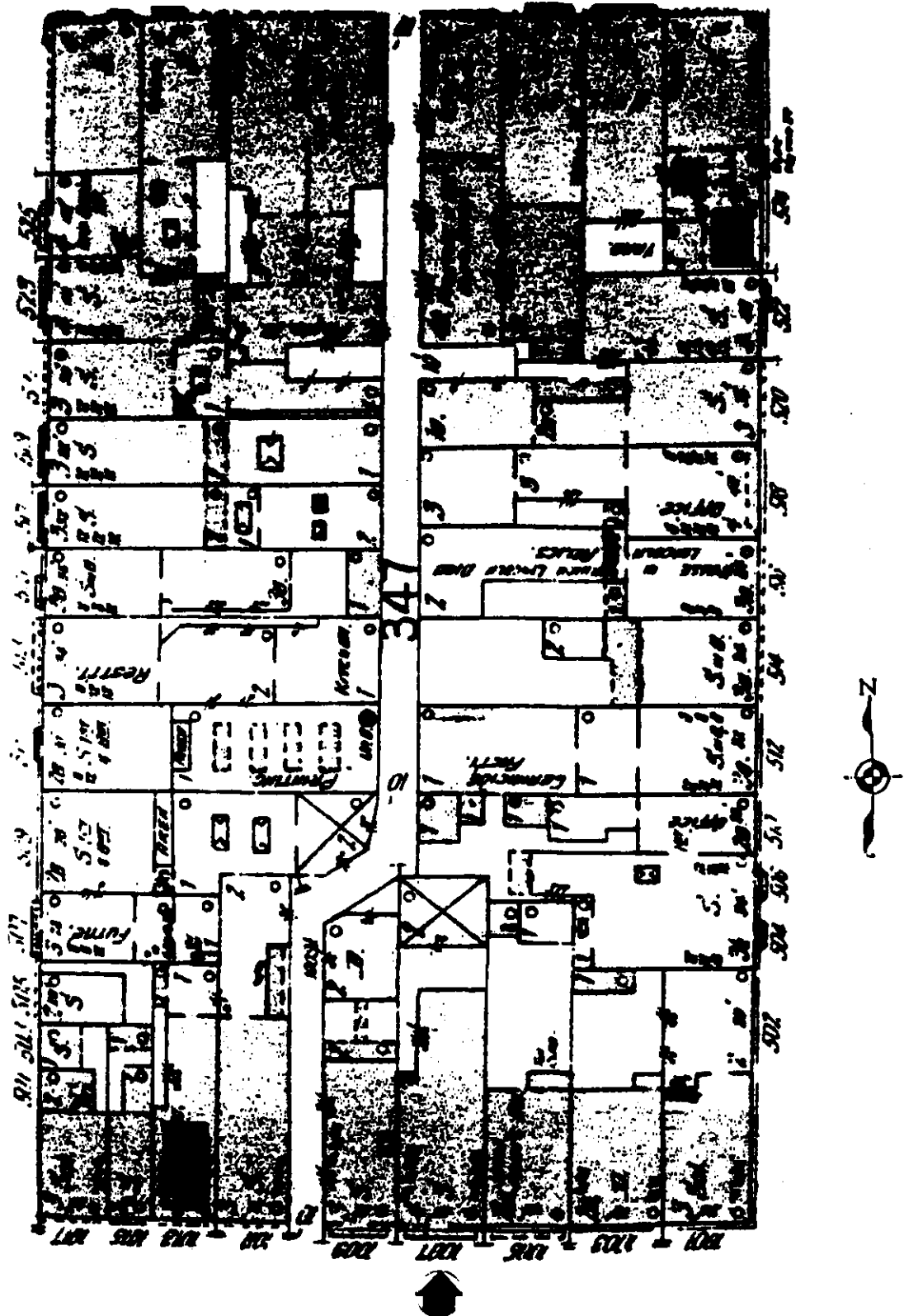
The 1970 Directory shows the building as vacant. 1007 E Street, N.W. will be partially demolished to permit construction of a large office building that will occupy the western portion of Square 347. The street facade of 1007 E Street will remain in its present location. This HABS documentation was prepared pursuant to a Program of Mitigation for the required demolition. The Program of Mitigation was developed for the new project under DC Law 2-144, the Historic Landmark and Historic District Protection Act of 1978.

SOURCES: D.C. Building Permits (National Archives)
D.C. City Directories (Martin Luther King Library)
Don't Tear It Down Survey Forms (D.C. Historic Preservation Office)
Sanborn Maps (Library of Congress)

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For documentation of individual buildings within Square 347, see:

HABS No. DC-788	Square 347
HABS No. DC-789	1005 E Street, NW (Commercial)
HABS No. DC-791	1009 E Street, NW (Commercial)
HABS No. DC-792	1013 E Street, NW (Commercial)
HABS No. DC-793	1011 E Street, NW (Commercial)
HABS No. DC-794	501-503 Eleventh Street, NW (Commercial)
HABS No. DC-795	507 Eleventh Street, NW (Commercial)
HABS No. DC-796	515 Eleventh Street, NW (Commercial)
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HABS No. DC-798	519 Eleventh Street, NW (Commercial)
HABS No. DC-799	521 Eleventh Street, NW (Commercial)
HABS No. DC-800	523 Eleventh Street, NW (Commercial)
HABS No. DC-801	525 Eleventh Street, NW (Commercial)
HABS No. DC-802	1008-1010 F Street, NW (Commercial)
HABS No. DC-803	1012 F Street, NW (Commercial)
HABS No. DC-804	National Capital Press Building



Configuration of Building in 1903 (Source: 1903 Sanborn Map)

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